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Low power has emerged as a principal theme in today's electronics industry. The need for low power has caused a major paradigm shift in which power dissipation is as important as performance and area. This article presents an in-depth survey of CAD methodologies and techniques for designing low power digital CMOS circuits and systems and describes the many issues facing designers at architectural, logical, and physical levels of design abstraction. It reviews some of the techniques and tool ...

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Security protocols are critical to enabling the growth of a wide range of wireless data services and applications. However, they impose a high computational burden that is mismatched with the modest processing capabilities and battery resources available on wireless clients. Bridging the security processing gap, while retaining sufficient programmability in order to support a wide range of current and future security protocol standards, requires the use of novel system architectures and design m ...

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Register-transfer level (RTL) power estimation is a key feature for synthesis-based design flows. The main challenge in establishing a sound RTL power estimation methodology is the construction of accurate, yet efficient, models of the power dissipation of functional macros. Such models should be automatically built, and should produce reliable average power estimates. In this paper we propose a general methodology for building and tuning RTL power models. We address both hard macros (presv ...

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In recent years, formal methods have emerged as an alternative approach to ensuring the quality and correctness of hardware designs, overcoming some of the limitations of traditional validation techniques such as simulation and testing. There are two main aspects to the application of formal methods in a design process: the formal framework used to specify desired properties of a design and the verification techniques and tools used to reason about the relationship between a spec ...

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Fast detection of communication patterns in distributed executions

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Understanding distributed applications is a tedious and difficult task. Visualizations based on process-time diagrams are often used to obtain a better understanding of the execution of the application. The visualization tool we use is Poet, an event tracer developed at the University of Waterloo. However, these diagrams are often very complex and do not provide the user with the desired overview of the application. In our experience, such tools display repeated occurrences of non-trivial commun ...

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This paper surveys the Japanese design automation (DA) status and activities. First, the DA statistics for major Japanese organizations are presented. These statistics show the status of logic, physical and test DA for digital systems and LSIs. Second, notable DA activities of Japanese manufacturers, laboratories and universities are introduced.

8 Fast high-level power estimation for control-flow intensive design

Kamal S. Khouri, Ganesh Lakshminarayana, Niraj K. Jha

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In this paper, we present a power estimation technique for control-flow intensive designs that is tailored towards driving iterative high-level synthesis systems, where hundreds of architectural trade-offs are explored and compared. Our method is fast and relatively accurate. The algorithm utilizes the behavioral information to extract branch probabilities, and uses these in conjunction with switching activity and circuit capacitance information, to estimate the power consumption of a given ...

9 Design automation of electronics in Sweden

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This paper describes the status of design automation of electronics in three different companies and a university in Sweden. Design automation of MOS circuits at Asea-Hafo (Ingmar Höglund) Asea-Hafo is a company, which produces high reliability semiconductor devices as integrated circuits, discrete transistors, diodes and opto electronic components. During 1974 CMOS Large scale integrated circuits has become the main product. Asea ...

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An interactive design automation system is presented which, after complete implementation, will allow the designer to check the determinacy and dead locks of the system before implementation. The design can be evaluated at various levels and modified

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This tutorial surveys design methods for energy-efficient system-level design. We consider electronic sytems consisting of a hardware platform and software layers. We consider the three major constituents of hardware that consume energy, namely computation, communication, and storage units, and we review methods of reducing their energy consumption. We also study models for analyzing the energy cost of software, and methods for energy-efficient software design and compilation. This survery ...

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This paper describes the development and operation experience of NTT's design automation (DA) system for analog/digital switching systems. The DA system is composed of several subsystems, such as logic design, physical design, documentation and manufacturing data conversion programs, organized around the centralized data base management system. By using this system, hardware standardization and products compatibility among different manufacturers have been achieved. Th ...

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This paper presents techniques for simulating directly from a hierarchical circuit description

without flattening to the level of primitives. An overview of traditional fault simulation techniques is followed by details of the hierarchical techniques. The fault model is shown to be decoupled from the simulator programs through the use of a fault library. The fault library allows the user to mix both functional and technology-dependent fault models, which allows fault simulation and conseque ...

16 A recursive algorithm for low-power memory partitioning

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Memory-processor integration offers new opportunities for reducing the energy of a system. In the case of embedded systems, one solution consists of mapping the most frequently accessed addresses onto the on-chip SRAM to quarantee power and performance efficiency. This option is especially effective when memory access patterns can be profiled and studied at design time (as in typical real-time embedded systems). In this work, we propose an algorithm for the automatic partitioning ...

17 Philo-a VLSI design system.

R. Donze, J. Sanders, M. Jenkins, G. Sporzynski

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This paper describes a design system capable of designing chips in the range of 5K to 7K equivalent three-way NOR gates. A key feature of the system is the ability to design chips with large macros (RAMs and PLAs). This design system is part of IBM's corporate-wide Engineering Design System (EDS). EDS provides the capabilities of logic simulation, automatic placement and wiring, checking, and test pattern generation (I). This paper describes the key capabilities of the system, specifically ...

18 High-level software energy macro-modeling

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This paper presents an efficient and accurate high-level software energy estimation methodology using the concept of characterization-based macro-modeling. In characterization-based macro-modeling, a function or sub-routine is characterized using an accurate lower-level energy model of the target processor, to construct a macro-model that relates the energy consumed in the function under consideration to various parameters that can be easily observed or calculated from a high-level programm ...

19 Copy detection for intellectual property protection of VLSI designs

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We give the first study of copy detection techniques for VLSI CAD applications; these techniques are complementary to previous watermarking-based IP protection methods in finding and proving improper use of design IP. After reviewing related literature (notably in the text processing domain), we propose a generic methodology for copy detection based

on determining basic elements within structural representations of solutions (IPs), calculating (context-independent) signatur ...

20 A semi-custom design flow in high-performance microprocessor design Gregory A. Northrop, Pong-Fei Lu
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In this paper we present techniques shown to significantly enhance the custom circuit design process typical of high-performance microprocessors. This methodology combines flexible custom circuit design with automated tuning and physical design tools to provide new opportunities to optimized design throughout the development cycle.

Keywords: circuit tuning, custom design, methodology, standard cell

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